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RE: Additional Information Planning Application SDZ22A/0011 – Proposed Primary School Development at Clonburris

Dear Sir/Madam,

The National Transport Authority (the “NTA”) has reviewed the additional information relating to the subject planning application and, based on the *Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area 2022-2042* (the “Transport Strategy”), and on the objective of the Clonburris SDZ Planning Scheme to operate in a sustainable manner, wishes to submit the following observations and recommendations. This observation is further to our initial observation made on this application on 5th September 2022.

1. FI Item 2(a) - Mobility Management Plan

In its original submission, the NTA recommended that the Mobility Management Plan should be revised to include more ambitious targets for active travel and public transport. In this regard, the more ambitious targets for cycling and the associated reduction in the targeted mode share for private vehicles is welcomed. It is, however, submitted that the Applicant should ensure the Mobility Management Plan is updated accordingly after year 1 and that mode share targets for sustainable modes are revised upwards as the subject measures are implemented and the catchment area of the school reduces over time, as the surrounding area develops.

2. FI Item 2(b) - Provision for cyclists

The revised proposed quantum of cycle parking spaces is welcomed given its consistency with the revised mode share target for cyclists. The revised location for cycle parking is also welcomed given it will enable students and staff to access cycle parking in a safer manner.

In relation to the revised proposed access road in the school campus from Thomas Omer Way, there is concern that the lack of designated cycling infrastructure along this route, combined with the likely flow of vehicles on this section at peak times, could put the safety of students and staff at risk. In this regard, it is submitted that the Applicant should ensure the proposed access ramps from Thomas Omer Way at this section of the site are accessible by people travelling by bicycle.

3. FI Item 2(c) - Drop-off / Set Down

The NTA welcomes the clarity provided with regards to the scale of the proposed drop-off area. The NTA also acknowledges that at present a viable alternative location for such a space does not exist within walking distance of the site and as such at present a drop-off area within the extent of the

school site is the only realistic option. It is submitted, however, that as the mode share of private vehicles reduces and the wider area develops over the coming years, appropriate alternative sites are likely to emerge. In this regard, it is submitted that in the event of a grant of permission in this case, the permitted use of this area of the site as a drop-off location should be considered temporary. Such an approach would be aligned with the NTA's Safe Routes to School Guidance and ensure that the design of the school supports the proper planning and sustainable development of the wider area into the future, in line with the Clonburris SDZ Planning Scheme.

Recommendation

The NTA recommends that the Local Authority should consider permitting the proposed drop-off area for a temporary period only, until such a time as a viable alternative location for drop-offs, external to the site, is available.

I trust that the views of the NTA will be taken into account in the assessment of the proposed development.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael MacAree". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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